

## ***SUMMARY OF VITAL EVENTS***



**OLDEST, YOUNGEST, LARGEST, SMALLEST IN 1996...**

Oldest Bride: 92 years	Youngest Bride: 14 years
Oldest Groom: 96 years	Youngest Groom: 15 years
Oldest Mother: 49 years	Youngest Mother: 10 years
Oldest Father: 88 years	Youngest Father: 12 years
Oldest Male Decedent: 109 years	Oldest Female Decedent: 113 years
Highest Birth Order: 23	Largest Live Birth: 6917 grams (15 lbs. 3 oz.)

**EACH DAY IN LOUISIANA IN 1996...**

<u>179 Live Births</u>	<u>108 Deaths</u>	2 Infant Deaths
33 to teens aged 15 through 19	32 from heart disease	33 Induced Abortions
77 to unmarried mothers	24 from cancer	110 Marriages
17 low weight births	4 from unintentional injuries	
46 cesarean sections	2 from motor vehicle injuries	
	2 from homicide	

**LOUISIANA AND THE UNITED STATES IN 1996...**

<i>Vital Event</i>	<i>Louisiana</i>	<i>United States</i>
<b>Live Births</b>		
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	15.0	14.7
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 women aged 15 through 19	66.6	54.4
Percent of total births to Unmarried Women	43.4%	32.4%
Percent of total births with 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Entry into Prenatal Care	81.1%	81.9%
Percent of total births that were Low Weight	9.9%	7.4%
Percent of total births delivered by Cesarean Method	26.7%	20.6%
<b>Fetal Deaths</b>		
Fetal Mortality Rate (20+ weeks gestation)	8.1	6.9
<b>Deaths</b>		
Age-Adjusted Death Rate per 1940 Standard Population for:		
Heart Disease	157.5	134.5
Cancer	151.1	127.9
Stroke	32.2	26.4
Accidents	37.7	30.4
Diabetes	24.2	13.6
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	20.1	21.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	11.5	12.8
Homicide	19.4	8.5
HIV Infection	13.8	11.1
Nephritis	7.3	4.3
<b>Infant Mortality</b>		
Infant Mortality Rate	9.0	7.3

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### **POPULATION SUMMARY**

- **State Population: 4,350,759**  
Louisiana has the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest population among the fifty states. After a loss in population during the late 1980s, the number of people living in Louisiana has risen to levels seen in the early 1980s.
- **Percent of Population in Race Group: 66.3% white, 32.0% black, 1.7% other race**  
The national breakdown by race is 82.8% white, 12.6% black, and 4.5% other race.

### **LIVE BIRTH SUMMARY**

- **Number of births: 65,186**  
This is a decrease from the 65,574 births in 1995, and it continues the steady decline in births seen since the 1982 high of 84,531 births.
- **Birth Rate: 15.0 live births per 1,000 population**  
This is the second lowest state birth rate in this half century. The 1995 rate of 14.7 was slightly lower.
- **Fertility Rate: 65.1 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years**  
The fertility rate has dropped 18.8% since the 1981 rate of 80.2, and 9.1% since the 1991 rate of 71.6.
- **Number of births to teens aged 10-19 years: 12,310**  
This is 238 fewer births than the 12,548 teen births that occurred in 1995.
- **Birth Rate in teens aged 15-19 years: 66.6 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-19**  
The birth rate for 15-19 year olds has fallen steadily during the 1990s, with a drop of 12.3% from the 1991 rate of 75.9.
- **Percent of births to unmarried women: 43.4% of total live births**  
The number of 1996 out-of-wedlock births is 5.1% higher than its 1991 level of 38.3% of total live births.
- **Percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester: 81.1% of total live births**  
The percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester has risen steadily during the 1990s, up 6.1% from its 1991 level of 75.0% of total live births.

- **Percent of live births less than 2500 grams: 9.9% of total live births**  
In recent years, Louisiana has seen a slight rise in the percent of low weight births, up from 9.4% of total births in 1992 and 9.6% of total births in 1994.
- **Percent of live births delivered by cesarean section: 26.4% of total live births**  
Preliminary 1996 data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics report that Louisiana had the second highest rate of cesarean deliveries in the country.

### **SPONTANEOUS FETAL DEATH SUMMARY (20+ weeks gestation or 350+ grams)**

- **Number of fetal deaths: 566**  
Although this is an increase from 1995's 471 fetal deaths, it continues the slow decline that began after a 1988 high of 603 fetal deaths.
- **Fetal Mortality Rate: 8.2 fetal deaths per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths.**  
The fetal mortality has seen little change during the 1990s.

### **INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY SUMMARY**

- **Number of induced terminations performed in Louisiana: 11,884**  
This is an increase of 393 over the 11,491 terminations performed in the state in 1995.

### **DEATH SUMMARY**

- **Number of Deaths: 39,511**  
Although this figure is slightly less than the 1995 death count of 39,539, it continues the slow, steady increase in the number of deaths in the state over the past two decades. (There were 34,512 deaths in 1976 and 36,287 deaths in 1986.)
- **Crude Death Rate: 908.2 deaths per 100,000 population**  
For the past five years, the crude death rate has remained stable, at approximately 900 deaths per 100,000 population.

- **Ten Leading Causes of Death - - Crude and Age-Adjusted Death Rates**

The ten leading causes of death and their associated rates are:

Cause of Death	Crude Rate per 100,000 Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 1940 Standard Population
Heart Disease	270.0	157.5
Cancer	213.8	151.1
Stroke	59.0	32.2
Accidents	41.5	37.7
Diabetes	37.2	24.2
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	33.0	20.1
Pneumonia and Influenza	24.0	11.5
Homicide	18.2	19.4
HIV Infection	13.8	13.8
Nephritis	13.1	7.3

#### **INFANT MORTALITY SUMMARY**

- **Number of infant deaths: 586**

The number of 1996 infant deaths is approximately half that seen in 1980, when 1,175 infants died. The count of infant deaths has declined each year during the 1990s.

- **Infant Mortality Rate: 9.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births**

The infant mortality rate has fallen almost every year since 1980. Since the 1990 rate of 11.0, it has dropped 18.2%.

#### **MATERNAL MORTALITY SUMMARY**

- **Number of Maternal Deaths: 8**

During the 1990s, then number of maternal deaths each year has fluctuated between 2 and 14. Since 1990, there have been 55 maternal deaths.

**MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE SUMMARY**

- **Number of Marriages: 40,221**

This is a decrease of 295 marriages from 1995. During the 1990s, the number of marriages each year has fluctuated around 40,000.

- **Number of Divorces (reported by 47 out of 64 parishes): 14,737**

Because divorce reports are submitted by approximately 75% of the 64 parishes in Louisiana each year, divorce counts are underreported.

